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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A data storing medium is disclosed, that has comprises a digital data area in which encrypted digital data or non-encrypted digital data is written, a control data area in which control data necessary for reproducing recorded digital data is written, and a copyright control information area in which copyright control information necessary for decrypting encrypted digital data is written, wherein said copyright control information area is write-prohibited, and wherein said control data area is write-permitted.